

enable the deployment of distributed transmission systems (also known as “single frequency networks”), as permitted under section 73.626 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and

(C) in consultation with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, to public telecommunications entities to facilitate the construction, updates, replacement, and repair of public telecommunications facilities to maintain or improve public telecommunications services provided by those public telecommunications entities to the American public through broadcast and digital distribution technologies.

(2) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall establish an application process for covered grants.

(B) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In selecting projects to be funded by a covered grant, the Assistant Secretary shall apply the criteria established by the rules promulgated under subsection (c).

(c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall promulgate rules that—

(1) establish the requirements for applications for covered grants;

(2) identify the criteria to be used by the Assistant Secretary in prioritizing projects;

(3) identify reasonable eligible costs to be presumptively approved by the Assistant Secretary in awarding covered grants; and

(4) establish procedures for the submission and review of cost estimates and other materials related to those costs consistent with the rules promulgated under this subsection.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until expended, of which—

(A) not more than \$3,700,000,000 may be used for grants under subsection (b)(1)(A);

(B) not more than \$1,000,000,000 may be used for grants under subsection (b)(1)(B); and

(C) not more than \$300,000,000 may be used for grants under subsection (b)(1)(C).

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Assistant Secretary may reserve not more than 4 percent of the funds made available under paragraph (1) for reasonable administrative costs associated with the grant program established under subsection (b).

**SA 2152.** Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division F, add the following:  
**TITLE VI—STATE FUNDING UNDER RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE PROGRAMS**

**SEC. 60601. STATE FUNDING UNDER RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE PROGRAMS.**

(a) ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING.—Title VII of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950cc et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 704. ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING.**

“In administering any broadband or telecommunications program, the Secretary,

acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, shall not determine that a project is ineligible for funding because the project has received funding from a State.”

(b) STATE FUNDS TO SATISFY MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of any matching funds requirement under any program administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, an applicant for funding under that program may use funds received from a State program (including funds received by a State from the Federal Government) to satisfy the matching funds requirement.

**SA 2153.** Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS.**

A grantee or subgrantee carrying out a program, project, or activity that is, in whole or in part, carried out using funds provided by the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation shall clearly state, to the extent possible, in any statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing the program, project, or activity, other than a communication containing not more than 280 characters—

(1) the percentage of the total costs of the program, project, or activity that will be financed with funds provided by the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation;

(2) the dollar amount of the funds provided by the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation made available for the program, project, or activity; and

(3) the percentage of the total costs of, and dollar amount for, the program, project, or activity that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.

**SA 2154.** Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division C, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CERTAIN TRANSIT AND RAIL PROJECTS.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation shall not provide any new assistance for a transit or rail project if—

(1) the overall cost projection to complete the project exceeds the original cost projection by at least \$1,000,000,000; and

(2) the operational and administrative costs of the service provided by the project are projected to exceed the revenues generated from ridership annually over the next decade.

**SA 2155.** Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division I, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY TO USE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 601(d)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(B) by striking “A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State, Tribal government, or unit of local government may use funds provided under a payment made under this section for a project described in subparagraph (B), including—

“(i) in the case of a project described in clause (xi), (xii), or (xiii) of that subparagraph, to satisfy a non-Federal share requirement applicable to such a project; and

“(ii) in the case of a project described in clause (xiii) of that subparagraph, to repay a loan provided under the program described in that clause.

“(B) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project referred to in subparagraph (A) is any of the following:

“(i) A project eligible under section 133 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ii) A project eligible under section 119 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iii) A project eligible under section 148 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iv) A project eligible under section 167 of title 23, United States Code.

“(v) A project eligible under section 149 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vi) An activity to carry out section 134 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vii) A project eligible under section 202 of title 23, United States Code.

“(viii) A project eligible under section 203 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ix) A project eligible under section 204 of title 23, United States Code.

“(x) A project eligible under section 165 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xi) A project that receives a grant under section 117 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xii) A project that receives a grant under the program for national infrastructure investments (commonly known as the ‘Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program’).

“(xiii) A project that receives credit assistance under the TIFIA program under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xiv) A project that receives a grant under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xv) A project that receives a grant under section 5337 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xvi) A project that receives a grant under section 5339 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xvii) A project that receives a grant under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xviii) A project that receives a grant under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xix) A project carried out using funds made available under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

“(C) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of a project described in clauses (i) through (x) of subparagraph (B) that is carried out with funds provided under a payment made under this section, the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government shall not be required to provide a non-Federal share.

“(D) AVAILABILITY.—Funds provided under a payment made under this section to a State, Tribal government, or unit of local government shall remain available for the use described in subparagraph (A) after December 31, 2021, to the extent that, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government allocates such funds (in accordance with a process to be established by the Secretary) to a project described in subparagraph (B).”;

(2) in section 602—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “(except as provided in subsection (c)(4))” after “December 31, 2024”; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4)”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State, territory, or Tribal government receiving a payment under this section may use funds provided under such payment for a project described in subparagraph (B), including—

“(i) in the case of a project described in clause (xi), (xii), or (xiii) of that subparagraph, to satisfy a non-Federal share requirement applicable to such a project; and

“(ii) in the case of a project described in clause (xiii) of that subparagraph, to repay a loan provided under the program described in that clause.

“(B) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project referred to in subparagraph (A) is any of the following:

“(i) A project eligible under section 133 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ii) A project eligible under section 119 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iii) A project eligible under section 148 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iv) A project eligible under section 167 of title 23, United States Code.

“(v) A project eligible under section 149 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vi) An activity to carry out section 134 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vii) A project eligible under section 202 of title 23, United States Code.

“(viii) A project eligible under section 203 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ix) A project eligible under section 204 of title 23, United States Code.

“(x) A project eligible under section 165 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xi) A project that receives a grant under section 117 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xii) A project that receives a grant under the program for national infrastructure investments (commonly known as the ‘Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program’).

“(xiii) A project that receives credit assistance under the TIFIA program under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xiv) A project that receives a grant under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xv) A project that receives a grant under section 5337 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xvi) A project that receives a grant under section 5339 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xvii) A project that receives a grant under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xviii) A project that receives a grant under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xix) A project that receives a grant under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

“(C) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of a project described in clauses (i) through (x) of subparagraph (B) that is carried out with funds provided under a payment made under this section, the State, territory, or Tribal government shall not be required to provide a non-Federal share.

“(D) AVAILABILITY.—Funds provided under a payment made under this section to a State, territory, or Tribal government shall remain available for the use described in subparagraph (A) after December 31, 2024, to the extent that, not later than such date, the State, territory, or Tribal government allocates such funds (in accordance with a process to be established by the Secretary) to a project described in subparagraph (B).”; and

(C) in subsection (g)(1)(B), by striking “have been expended or returned to, or recovered by, the Secretary.” and inserting the following: “have been—

“(i) expended or returned to, or recovered by, the Secretary; or

“(ii) allocated by the State, territory, or Tribal government for a project described in subparagraph (B) of subsection (c)(4) in accordance with subparagraph (D) of such subsection.”; and

(3) in subsection 603—

(A) in subsection (a), by inserting “(except as provided in subsection (c)(5))” after “December 31, 2024”; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraphs (3) and (4)” and inserting “paragraphs (3), (4), and (5)”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county receiving a payment under this section may use funds provided under such payment for a project described in subparagraph (B), including—

“(i) in the case of a project described in clause (xi), (xii), or (xiii) of that subparagraph, to satisfy a non-Federal share requirement applicable to such a project; and

“(ii) in the case of a project described in clause (xiii) of that subparagraph, to repay a

loan provided under the program described in that clause.

“(B) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project referred to in subparagraph (A) is any of the following:

“(i) A project eligible under section 133 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ii) A project eligible under section 119 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iii) A project eligible under section 148 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iv) A project eligible under section 167 of title 23, United States Code.

“(v) A project eligible under section 149 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vi) An activity to carry out section 134 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vii) A project eligible under section 202 of title 23, United States Code.

“(viii) A project eligible under section 203 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ix) A project eligible under section 204 of title 23, United States Code.

“(x) A project eligible under section 165 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xi) A project that receives a grant under section 117 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xii) A project that receives a grant under the program for national infrastructure investments (commonly known as the ‘Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program’).

“(xiii) A project that receives credit assistance under the TIFIA program under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xiv) A project that receives a grant under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xv) A project that receives a grant under section 5337 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xvi) A project that receives a grant under section 5339 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xvii) A project that receives a grant under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xviii) A project that receives a grant under section 5311 of title 49, United States Code.

“(xix) A project that receives a grant under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

“(C) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of a project described in clauses (i) through (x) of subparagraph (B) that is carried out with funds provided under a payment made under this section, the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall not be required to provide a non-Federal share.

“(D) AVAILABILITY.—Funds provided under a payment made under this section to a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall remain available for the use described in subparagraph (A) after December 31, 2024, to the extent that, not later than such date, the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county allocates such funds (in accordance with a process to be established by the Secretary) to a project described in subparagraph (B).”.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Sections 602(c)(3) and 603(c)(3) of title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 802(c)(3), 803(c)(3)) are each amended by striking “paragraph (17) of”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in—

(1) in the case of the amendments made by subsection (a)(1), the enactment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136); and

(2) in the case of the amendments made by paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and

subsection (b), the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2).

**SA 2156.** Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division F, insert the following:

**SEC. . E-RATE SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL BUS WI-FI.**

(a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “school bus” means a passenger motor vehicle that is—

(1) designed to carry a driver and not less than 5 passengers; and

(2) used significantly to transport early child education, elementary school, or secondary school students to or from school or an event related to school.

(b) **RULEMAKING.**—Notwithstanding the limitations under paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(A) of section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) regarding the authorized recipients and uses of discounted telecommunications services, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall commence a rulemaking to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for support under the E-rate program of the Commission set forth under subpart F of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations.

**SA 2157.** Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 41202 of division D and insert the following:

**SEC. 41202. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000.**

(a) **DEFINITION OF FULL FUNDING AMOUNT.**—Section 3(11) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7102(11)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) and inserting the following:

“(D) for fiscal year 2017, the amount that is equal to 95 percent of the full funding amount for fiscal year 2015;

“(E) for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2020, the amount that is equal to 95 percent of the full funding amount for the preceding fiscal year; and

“(F) for fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount that is equal to the full funding amount for fiscal year 2017.”.

(b) **SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.**—

(1) **SECURE PAYMENTS.**—Section 101 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended, in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020” each place it appears and inserting “2015 and 2017 through 2023”.

(2) **COUNTY PAYMENT ELECTIONS.**—Section 102(b) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and August 1 of each second fiscal year thereafter” and inserting “by August 1 of each second fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2021, and by September 30, 2022, for the payment for fiscal year 2022”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (D)—

(I) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(II) by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by striking “2013, the election” and inserting “2013”; and

(II) by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(III) by striking “If a county elects” and inserting the following:

“(i) **ELECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013.**—A county election”; and

(IV) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) **ELECTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.**—A county election to receive a share of the State payment or county payment for fiscal year 2022 shall be effective for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023.”.

(3) **COUNTY ALLOCATION ELECTIONS.**—Section 102(d) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(d)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (1)—

(i) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(ii) by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(B) in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (3)—

(i) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”; and

(ii) by striking “2020” and inserting “2021”.

(4) **DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES.**—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking “2020” and inserting “2023”.

(c) **PILOT PROGRAM TO STREAMLINE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**—Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following:

“(g) **RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PILOT PROGRAMS.**—

“(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

“(A) **APPLICABLE DESIGNEE.**—The term ‘applicable designee’ means the applicable regional forester.

“(B) **NATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM.**—The term ‘national pilot program’ means the national pilot program established under paragraph (4)(A).

“(C) **REGIONAL PILOT PROGRAM.**—The term ‘regional pilot program’ means the regional pilot program established under paragraph (3)(A).

“(2) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAMS.**—In accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4), the Secretary concerned shall carry out 2 pilot programs to appoint members of resource advisory committees.

“(3) **REGIONAL PILOT PROGRAM.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary concerned shall carry out a regional pilot pro-

gram to allow an applicable designee to appoint members of resource advisory committees.

“(B) **GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION.**—The regional pilot program shall only apply to resource advisory committees chartered in—

“(i) the State of Montana; and

“(ii) the State of Arizona.

“(C) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPLICABLE DESIGNEE.**—

“(i) **REVIEW.**—Before appointing a member of a resource advisory committee under the regional pilot program, an applicable designee shall conduct the review and analysis that would otherwise be conducted for an appointment to a resource advisory committee if the regional pilot program was not in effect, including any review and analysis with respect to civil rights and budgetary requirements.

“(ii) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—Nothing in this paragraph relieves an applicable designee from any requirement developed by the Secretary concerned for making an appointment to a resource advisory committee that is in effect on December 20, 2018, including any requirement for advertising a vacancy.

“(4) **NATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary concerned shall carry out a national pilot program to allow the Chief of the Forest Service or the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, as applicable, to submit to the Secretary concerned nominations of individuals for appointment as members of resource advisory committees.

“(B) **APPOINTMENT.**—Under the national pilot program, subject to subparagraph (C), not later than 30 days after the date on which a nomination is transmitted to the Secretary concerned under subparagraph (A), the Secretary concerned shall—

“(i) appoint the nominee to the applicable resource advisory committee; or

“(ii) reject the nomination.

“(C) **AUTOMATIC APPOINTMENT.**—If the Secretary concerned does not act on a nomination in accordance with subparagraph (B) by the date described in that subparagraph, the nominee shall be deemed appointed to the applicable resource advisory committee.

“(D) **GEOGRAPHIC LIMITATION.**—The national pilot program shall apply to a resource advisory committee chartered in any State other than—

“(i) the State of Montana; or

“(ii) the State of Arizona.

“(E) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—Nothing in this paragraph relieves the Secretary concerned from any requirement relating to an appointment to a resource advisory committee, including any requirement with respect to civil rights or advertising a vacancy.

“(5) **TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.**—The authority provided under this subsection terminates on October 1, 2023.

“(6) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date described in paragraph (5), the Secretary concerned shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

“(A) with respect to appointments made under the regional pilot program compared to appointments made under the national pilot program, a description of the extent to which—

“(i) appointments were faster or slower; and

“(ii) the requirements described in paragraph (3)(C)(i) differ; and

“(B) a recommendation with respect to whether Congress should terminate, continue, modify, or expand the pilot programs.”.

(d) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.**—

(1) **EXISTING ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**—Section 205(a)(4) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000